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## Community Gardens Expanding Across Homestead

The Community Garden people feel that the Lincoln Southern Heights Presbyterian Church garden for a first year was a success and want to expand it. Not only do they want to double the size of the present garden area, but they would like to create a Training Crops area. This area would be divided into four large crop areas to train people who might want to go into commercial farming, such as growing an orchard, a truck garden, or just raise crops for a farmers market. The session agreed with this proposal because it demonstrates the desire the congregation has to offer hospitality to neighbors, as well as supporting the need to increase food production for those in need. Since expansion of the Community Garden would tax their present watering system, a water line with stand pipes would have to be installed. The Community Garden people have a \$5,000 grant which cover those costs.



Last summer, the Cedar Bluffs First Presbyterian Church planted corn in a small garden area behind the church building. When the corn was ready, they put up a sign that told the community to help themselves. Thank you's and letters about how much it was appreciated was unbelievable. They are planning on doing the same thing again, and have begun discussing how to make a bigger impact on the community.

There will be a workshop devoted to the development and funding for creating Community Gardens at Presbytery Day, Saturday, May 5, 2012. The event will be held at Calvin Crest. Registration and brochure

## Keeping It Together - Friday, March 23, 2012

Westminster Presbyterian Church & Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska invites everyone to an evening of dinner, conversation, and information for both Veterans and Active Duty Military Personnel and their families centered around the issues of: Deployment stress on the family, Employment issues post deployment, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).

Highlights of the Evening will begin with a catered dinner at 5:30 PM. The program following the meal, will include speakers of the community military and support personnel including Chaplain Scott Ehler. A social

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### Message

### New Form of Government

Diana Barber, Synod of Lakes and Prairies, provided an overview of NFoG and how it affects congregations at the February Stated Meeting. She has made her reference material available.

[Sample Bylaws](#)

### Confirmation Retreat

April 20-22, 2012  
Calvin Crest

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Schedule

and [registration information](#)

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time after the program will conclude the evening. Child Care for infant through 5th grade provided until 10 p.m. There is NO COST for the evening.

For more information call Westminster Church at [402-475-6702](tel:402-475-6702) or email [PA@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:PA@westminsterlincoln.org) Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2110 Sheridan Boulevard [www.westminsterlincoln.org](http://www.westminsterlincoln.org)  
Register for the dinner, child care, and workshops by March 19.



From left—Rev. Gale Cross, Rev. Jim Wallace, John Kirkoch, chairman of the Trust for St. John's Kirk, Rev. David Arnot, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and project manager Gordon Butt.

### Rev. Gale Cross Update

The Rev. Gale Cross, retired member of Homestead Presbytery has been engaged in ministry as a visiting pastoral assistant at St. John's Kirk and St. Leonard's-in-the-Fields Church in Perth, United Kingdom since last summer. He preaches once a month from the pulpit where John Knox preached the sermon that initiated the Scottish reformation. "Is is a great privilege to preach from that pulpit," he comments.

### "Decision Making: Seeking to Know and Do God's Will" Workshop for pastors

This continuing ed opportunity will be on Friday, April 13 for all pastors in Homestead, Central, MRV and Prospect Hill Presbyteries. It is a course from The Center for Parish Development out of Chicago. Ray Schulte will be the workshop leader. This opportunity is funded through the church revitalization process, [Journey of the People of God](#). The support and sharing time after is a time for the pastors of churches in this revitalization process to share about the journey of their congregation through the process - although any pastor interested in revitalization is welcome to attend. There is no cost to participants for either of these opportunities. Anyone interested in attending should register with Kris Peterson [krisp@homesteadpres.org](mailto:krisp@homesteadpres.org) (workshop 12:30 to 3:00 sharing and support 3:15 to 4:15)



### The Shamrock

St. Patrick used the shamrock to teach people about the Godhead. Holding up a shamrock, he challenged them, "Is this one leaf, or three?" Inevitably, people replied that it was both, prompting St. Patrick to draw the analogy that so, too, is God: one God in three Persons - the Holy Trinity.

Tell us what's going on in the life of your congregation -  
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